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SUMMARY. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A
FURTHER COUNTERATTACK AGAINST UNFAVORABLE WESTERN
REACTION TO THE ORLOV TRIAL, PRAVDA ATTEMPTS TO SHOW
THAT THE LATEST U.S. ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR (ORLOV IS NOT SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED) ARE PART OF A RECENTLY-INSTITUTED, LONG-
TERM ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN. THE NOTION THAT WASHING-

TON'S CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS STEMS FROM MORAL OR RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS HELD BY ADMINISTRATION LEADERS IS DISMISSED BY PRAVDA AS "NAIVE." END SUMMARY.

1. LONG ARTICLE IN MAY 29 PRAVDA BY V. BOL'SHAKOV, ENTITLED "OPERATION 'HUMAN RIGHTS'", CLAIMS THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOOK UP HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AS PART OF AN ANTI-SOVIET "FRONT" WHICH HAS FOUR PRINCIPAL "STRATEGIC" ASPECTS:

--AS A WEAPON OF IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSION AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION;

--AS A MEANS OF DISCREDITING THE SOVIET SYSTEM IN THE EYES OF MILLIONS OF IMPROVERISHED U.S. CITIZENS SUFFERING FROM THE EVILS OF CAPITALISM AND THE PERSECUTION OF THE "ALL-SEEING SECRET POLICE, WHICH HAS DOSSIERS ON 150 MILLION AMERICANS";

--AS A WEAPON AGAINST THE EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS, WHOSE INCREASING INFLUENCE IS PARTICULARLY DISTURBING TO U.S. "RULING CIRCLES";

--AS AN ATTEMPT TO HINDER THE GROWING SOCIALIST ORIENTATION OF THE "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

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2. BOL'SHAKOV LISTS VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES ALLEGEDLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS "CAMPAIGN." FOR EXAMPLE,

--IN ACCORDANCE WITH "PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NO. 28", THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WAS ELEVATED TO THE LEVEL OF U.S. GOVERNMENTAL POLICY, AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER WAS NAMED TO HEAD A STANDING COORDINATING INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS;

--NEW APPROPRIATIONS WERE MADE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL TRANSMITTERS FOR RFE, RL AND THE VOA;

--USIA WAS REORGANIZED, ABSORBING THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL BUREAU OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND ONE OF THE STATED AIMS OF THIS REORGANIZATION WAS "TO GAIN BACK THE INITIATIVE IN THE IDEOLOGICAL ARENA";

--THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN ITS TURN SET UP AN "INDEPENDENT BUREAU ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS", AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS BEAR PERSONAL

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING AMERICAN POLICY ON
HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. BOL'SHAKOV CLAIMS THAT CORRESPONDING STEPS HAVE
BEEN TAKEN TO DRAW U.S. ALLIES INTO THIS NEW "ANTI-
COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN WAGED UNDER THE SLOGAN OF HUMAN

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RIGHTS", AND AN EXAMPLE OF SUCH ACTIVITY IS THE
"INTERNATIONAL SAMIZDAT RESEARCH CENTER--THE
SAMIZDAT ARCHIVE IN MUNICH." BOL'SHAKOV STATES THAT

THIS CENTER WAS FOUNDED WITH CIA FUNDS, BUT CITES A
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WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER TO THE EFFECT THAT NATO
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING GREAT BRITAIN, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY,
NORWAY AND THE NETHERLANDS, PLUS JAPAN AND ISRAEL AND
EVEN CERTAIN MILITARY GROUPINGS IN NEUTRAL SWEDEN,
ALL PROVIDE SPECIALISTS IN IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION
FOR THIS "MUNICH CENTER OF BLACK PROPAGANDA."

4. BOL'SHAKOV CONCLUDES THAT ONLY NAIVE PEOPLE
COULD BELIEVE THAT ALL THIS ACTIVITY WAS STIMULATED
BY MORAL CONSIDERATIONS OR "RELIGIOUS ILLUMINATIONS
ON THE PART OF LEADERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN
WASHINGTON." "IT IS CLEAR", HE ASSERTS, "THAT WE
ARE DEALING WITH A WIDESCALE OPERATION OF PSYCHOLO-
GICAL WARFARE AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND
THE PEACEFUL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' MOVEMENT."
(END UNCLASSIFIED)

5. COMMENT (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE). BOL'SHAKOV'S
PIECE UNDOUBTEDLY REPRESENTS STILL ANOTHER ATTEMPT
TO EXPLAIN AWAY STRONG WESTERN CRITICISM OF THE TRIALS
OF ORLOV, GAMSAKHURDIA AND OTHERS AS BEING INSPIRED
BY HOSTILITY TOWARD THE SOVIET SYSTEM RATHER THAN
BY HUMANITARIANISM. OF COURSE THIS PIECE, AS ALL
OTHERS IN THE SOVIET MEDIA DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS,
HAS AS ITS UNWRITTEN PREMISE, THAT SOVIET REALITY
CONTAINS ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS FOR CHARGES AS TO HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. MATLOCK

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